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AFTER MY GRANDFATHER'S DEATH, I WENT TO TOKYO IN ORDER TO FIND MY MOTHER...
BUT I DON'T FEEL AT EASE HERE
IN FACT I HAVEN'T REALLY FOUND MY PLACE YET!
GOOD EVENING, MISS SUZUKI!
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSE TO HAVE LEFT THIS PLACE A WHILE AGO, MISS SUZUKI?
YOU ARE STAYING IN THIS APARTMENT WITHOUT PAYING THE RENT AND ON TOP OF THAT YOU LET A SCAFFOLD BEING BROUGHT UP!
WAAH!
THE WARDEN!
And now...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HERE ANY LONGER!

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EH?
NNN...
SO, COULD I STAY AT YOUR PLACE FOR SOME TIME?
Cycle.
WELL ACTUALLY HERE I GO
I WAS THROWN OUT OF THE APARTMENT MY MOTHER USED TO LIVE IN!
COME ON YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO HOUSE HER
TORA!
YOU AGAIN?
AND BESIDES IT'S ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE

It's terrible! I went to your mother's apartment and all your belongings you left behind were thrown into a trash can
FOR A SHORT WHILE?
ARE YOU NOT RECOGNIZANT OF IT?
RIN, YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM?
WHAT?
ERR... NO!
YES!
IS MIYU COMING BACK?
MY FATHER WENT OVERSEAS FOR 2 MONTHS
SO SHE SHOULD BE BACK AT THE SAME TIME AS HIM
IT SEEMS THAT MOM IS COMING HOME SOON
WELL? WHEN IS SHE COMING HOME?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW
...
...

SO, SHE IS
COMING BACK SOON!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH. I'M GOING TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR A PLACE TO SLEEP
BYE BYE!
WAIT!
YOU COULD STAY AT MY PLACE!
UNTIL MY FATHER RETURN, I'M ALL BY MYSELF!
AND WHERE ARE YOU INTENDING ON GOING?
HEY!
HE! RIN, WAIT!

I'D RATHER SAY IT'S MORE DANGEROUS FOR HER TO BE WITH YOU...
THAT'S NOT NICE AT ALL!
IT'S DANGEROUS FOR A GIRL TO GO OUT ALONE AT NIGHT, DON'T YOU KNOW THIS?
DO YOU THINK OF ME AS A RIVAL?
WHAT?
BUT
SO, YOU'RE MY RIVAL!
YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH RIN, AREN'T YOU?
IT UNNERVES ME!!
WHAT A CREEP... THIS TETSU GUY
HE SEEMED SO HAPPY THAT MY MOTHER WAS ABOUT TO RETURN. WHAT ABOUT ME?
WASN'T I GOOD ENOUGH?

I'M DOING ALL I CAN BUT
I ALREADY KNOW THAT I NEVER WILL BE ABLE TO MATCH UP TO MY MOTHER.
ANYWAY, AS SOON AS SHE ARRIVES I WON'T HAVE TO POSE AS MODEL ANYMORE
TOO BAD JUST WHEN I STARTED TO THINK OF THE PHOTO SESSIONS AS A NICE JOB
WELL EXCEPT FOR THE POSING IN A SWIM SUIT BUT
MMM

AH!
IPU
GRRR
I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN TO
HI!
Cycle.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
Cycle
WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO SLEEP?
THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE!!

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WHAT'S WITH THIS "HM"?
HUM.
IF YOU MAKE BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING, YOU CAN STAY HERE
BREAK-FAST?
REALLY?
IT'S A DEAL! I'LL DO IT!
WAIT A BIT!
I HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE NEVER PAID ME FOR THE PHOTO SESSIONS.
IT'S NOT FAIR!

THAT'S MY TENT. I'M LENDING IT TO YOU
WHAT'S THIS?
WAIT
THE SHOWER AND THE TOILETS ARE HERE
SUCH GENEROSITY!
AND OVER THERE ARE THE KITCHEN AND THE FRIDGE
GOOD NIGHT
SINCE YOU ARE LIVING WITH YOUR DAD
IT'S NICE OF YOU TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ME AND I DON'T WANT TO SOUND DEMANDING BUT
SURELY, YOU HAVE ROOMS UPSTAIRS!
OK LISTEN, RIN
IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT OUR ROOMS
YOU WOULD REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE YOU ARE TO SLEEP IN THIS TENT!

A SLEEPING BAG!
I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO TRUST ME A LITTLE BIT MORE
I feel warm...
BREAKFAST IS READY!
IT'S TIME!
WHY AREN'T THEY COMING? THERE WAS NO POINT THEN IN FIXING BREAK-FAST...
SEE YOU TONIGHT!
SO WHAT! THEY'LL MANAGE I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL!

HI!
I FEEL UN-WELCOMED
HI!
AH!
HELLO, SHIBATA
YOU'RE GONNA CHANGE INTO SWEATPANTS AGAIN?
IN THIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOU CAN STAY IN YOUR UNIFORM YOU KNOW
YES, I KNOW
BUT I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WEARING SWEATPANTS AND A T-SHIRT AND IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO GET DIRTY THIS WAY
ERR
IT'S KIND OF DIFFICULT TO FIT IN!

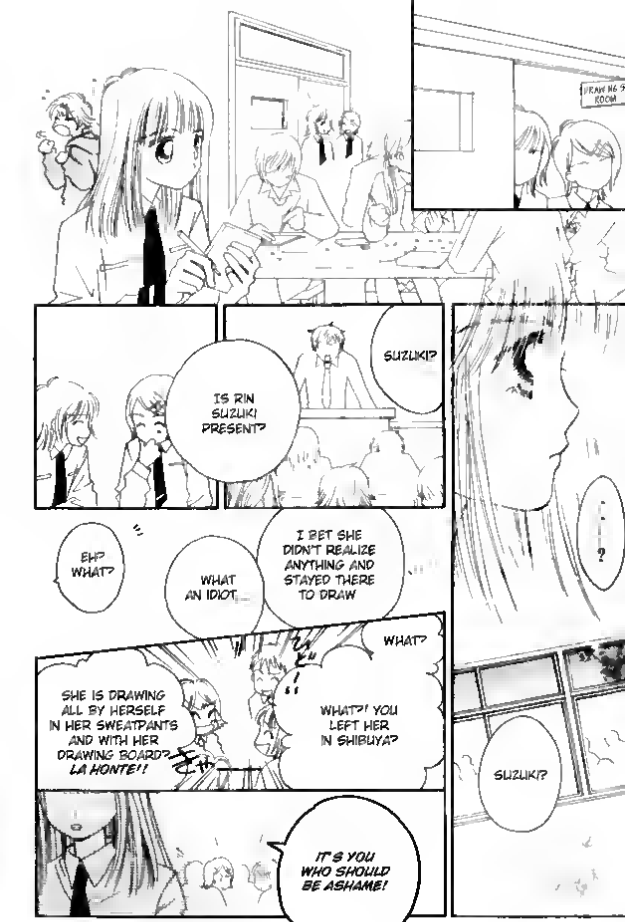
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE WEARING SWEATPANTS, TOO?
NO, THANK YOU!
BUT DON'T YOU FEEL COLD WEARING A T-SHIRT?
NOT AT ALL!
POOH. NO WONDER YOU WERE RAISED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE LIKE A LITTLE SAVAGE.
"SAVAGE"? SHE IS HARSH ON ME
AFTER ALL, I DIDN'T BRING MY SWEATSHIRT WITH ME.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY IT SOONER.
HERE!
THANKS!
OH!
HI, RIN!

I HAVE BEEN WAITING THE WHOLE TIME
I EVEN MADE THE HOUSEWORK
I WON'T GO TO YOUR PLACE SO LEAVE ME ALONE!
HANDS OFF ME!
RIN I OFFERED YOU TO STAY AT MY HOME YESTERDAY EVENING
.....
NOT AT A...
WHAT? ARE YOU NUTS?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU TWO WERE AN ITEM.
YES WE ARE AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF
I HAVE EVEN SEEN HER IN A SWIM SUIT
POOH

JUST KIDDING!
WHAT?
GIVE ME BACK MY SWEAT-SHIRT
She cared
SHIBATA
THE ART ROOM
WHERE IS
SHE'S GONE!
WELL, DRAWING LESSONS ARE NEXT ON THE LIST

I HOPE I DIDN'T OFFEND HER...
SUZUKI!
IT'S THIS WAY!
EH GIRLS FROM MY CLASS
THANKS!
LUCKY THAT THEY WERE THERE
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DRAW WHAT WE SEE ON THE STREET
FOR YOU A DRAWING BOARD
HURRY UP EVERYBODY IS ALREADY OUTSIDE
DRAWING LESSONS ARE TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE...
WHERE DID THEY GO?
EH?
SO THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DRAW?
STRANGE. NOBODY IS HERE!

WE ARE GOING TO GET THE OTHERS
RIN, JUST STAY HERE AND DRAW WHAT YOU SEE
OKAY!
HI HI HI
THERE ARE NEITHER EVERGREEN NOR BROWN TREES HERE
THIS SEASON
THE MOUNTAIN DRESS ITSELF IN 1000 COLOURS
IT MUST BE LOVELY
RED, YELLOW ORANGE
WHAT AM I GOING TO DRAW?
HI HI HI


DRAWING ROOM
SUZUKI?
IS RIN SUZUKI PRESENT?
SUZUKI?
EH? WHAT?
WHAT AN IDIOT...
I BET SHE DIDN'T REALIZE ANYTHING AND STAYED THERE TO DRAW
WHAT?
SHE IS DRAWING ALL BY HERSELF IN HER SWEATPANTS AND WITH HER DRAWING BOARD? LA HONTE!!
WHAT?! YOU LEFT HER IN SHIBUYA?
SUZUKI?
IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD BE ASHAME!

I LOST MY LITTLE RIN!
TORA!
FETCH HER!
HE, YOU THREE FATTIES!
FROM NOW STOP PERSECUTING HER, GOT IT?!
TELE PHONE

I'M GOING BACK
IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR LUNCH
I'D WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL...
BUT I DON'T KNOW THE WAY.
BLAST!
OH?
THAT REMINDS ME OF THE ONE I MADE WITH KYO...

EH?
THIS LIGHT...
But on this day it wasn't the real me...
This Rin... was "created" by Setsu.

It's
Kyo!

ERR
HI!
.....
.....
HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME!
It doesn't matter. I'll just sit next to him
!!!
HIS FLOW IS DIFFERENT FROM WHEN HE FOSES
...BUT THIS WAY, I CAN WATCH HIM.
EVEN WITH THIS POSE HE'S SUCH A HANDSOME GUY.
WHO ARE YOU?

WHO AM I?!
DID HE FORGET ABOUT ME?!
WELL...
YOU WERE PRESENT ON THE LAST PHOTO SESSION...
AND IF I RECALLS IT CORRECTLY YOUR NAME IS SUZUKI, TOO
YOU ARE FROM RIN SUZUKI'S FAMILY, AREN'T YOU?
ACTUALLY... I'M RI...
AND...
YES...
HE IS TALKING...
ABOUT THE FALSE RIN... THE ONE CREATED BY TETSU
YOU ARE HER LITTLE SISTER, RIGHT?
I SEE

ARE YOU WAITING FOR A PHOTO SESSION?
YEP.
BUT I STILL HAVE SOME TIME!
AND YOU ARE WAITING OUTSIDE?
NO, TOO EXPENSIVE!
DON'T YOU WANT TO SIT INSIDE?
YOU ARE RICH, THOUGH! I'VE READ IT IN THE MAGAZINE!
MY FATHER AND GRANDFATHER ARE RICH, NOT ME!
WANT SOME?
AREN'T YOU KYO, THE MODEL?
氷筒特売

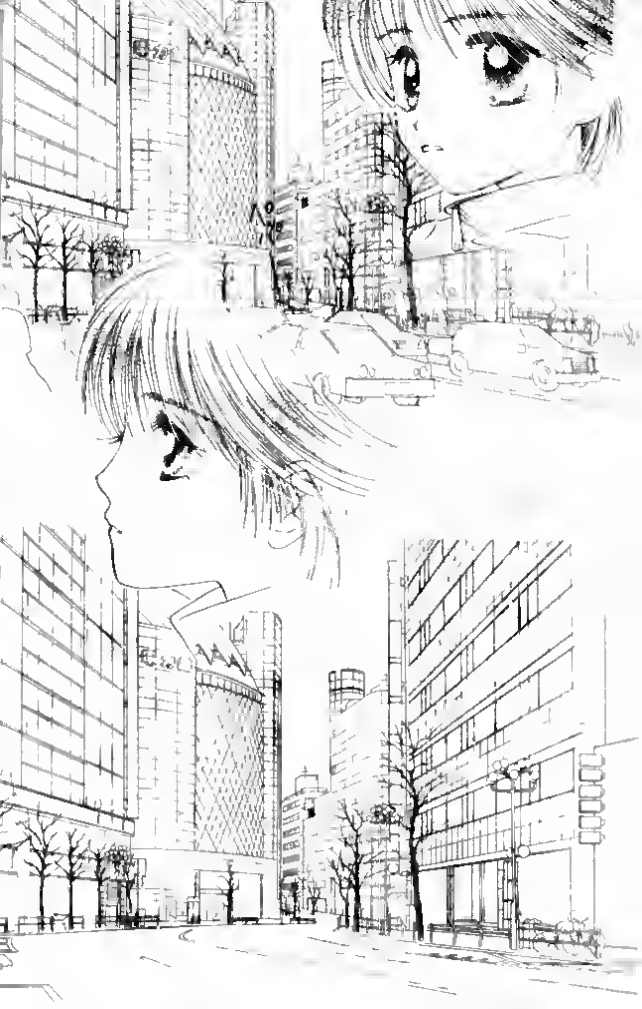
STRANGE
NO, YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS
EH? THEY ARE FLIRTING WITH HIM I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THERE WEREN'T MY TYPE!
WHY DID YOU KISS RIN?
I LIED!
BUT NEVERTHELESS I READ IN A MAGAZINE THAT YOU LIKE THAT KIND OF GIRL
AM I WRONG?
EH? BUT THEY ARE FLIRTING WITH HIM
EH? YOU "LIED"?
BUT THEN
And I thought that "Rin" was his type...

BECAUSE SHE WAS PRETTY!
ERR... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
RUUUM

WHAT IS THIS?
YOU WERE DRAWING?
NO!
GIVE IT BACK!
IT'S FOR ART CLASS. IN WAS TOLD TO DRAW ONE OF THE ROADS OF THE TOWN
BUT I REALLY THINK THEY MADE FUN OF ME
"ONE OF THE TOWN'S ROAD"?
WHY IS YOUR FACE SO RED?
?
ERR
EH?
ACTUALLY

BUT IT'S THE LANDSCAPE OF A MOUNTAIN
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I WANTED TO DRAW THIS
IN ANY CASE...
IT'S TRULY MAGNIFICENT...
YES, IT'S THE MOUNTAIN...
YOU CAN SEE FROM MY VILLAGE

AH, YES?
I WENT ALONE TO THE MOUNTAIN AND STAYED THERE WATCHING NATURE
WHEN I ARGUED WITH MY GRANDFATHER OR WHEN SOMETHING WENT WRONG AT SCHOOL
THE LEAVES SHOULD'VE STARTED TO CHANGE THEIR COLOURS BY NOW
THIS MOUNTAIN IS MAGNIFICENT. THERE ARE MANY TREES WITH DECIDUOUS LEAVES AND EACH SEASON THE LANDSCAPE IS COLOURED IN DIFFERENT SHADES
YES!
I SIT HERE
WHEN I WANT TO BE ALONE
IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS CROWD?
"ALONE"?



YES!
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RIN?
RIN?
TORA?

NO, I'M SURE OF IT!
I KNOW HOW TO MEET YOU, BOY...
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, HUH?
DON'T KNOW
YES, PERHAP!
ERR. KYO!
BECAUSE YOU EMIT A BLAZING LIGHT
BLAZING?

IT'S TIME! WAKE UP EVERYBODY!
BREAKFAST IS READY!
I HAVE HAD ENOUGH! THIS MORNING THEY ARE GONNA TAKE BREAKFAST ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!!
THEY WANT ME TO MAKE BREAKFAST BUT THEY NEVER COME DOWN!!
IT'S THE SAME EVERY-DAY!
GET UP, SLEEPY HEADS!

WHAT'S THIS MESS!
GET UP! BREAKFAST IS READY!
EH! SETSU!
NNN
"IF YOU SAW OUR ROOMS, YOU'D SEE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO SLEEP IN THIS TENT"
INDEED!
WAAH!
STOP IT!

ARE YOU CRAZY TO BARGE INTO PEOPLE'S BED?!
WAAAH!
SO DON'T TALK TO ME AS I WAS AN OLD PERVERT
RIN, LISTEN, IT WAS YOU WHO GRAPPED ONTO ME!
BOSS! BREAKFAST IS READY!
AND THE OLD GUY, ERR I MEAN "THE BOSS"?
NEXT ROOM
BREAKFAST IS READY SO HURRY UP AND COME DOWNSTAIRS ALREADY
MY LITTLE RIN I HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
I WON'T EAT THIS MORNING
OKAY!
SORRY!

YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY TOO
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS MAKING NABE?
SO WHAT? IT'S EASY TO MAKE I CHOP THE VEGETABLES AND THEN I ONLY HAVE TO TURN ON THE STOVE
DELI-CIOUS BUT...
TOLD YOU SO. YOU ARE BETTER OFF IN YOUR TENT
MY HEAD IS SPINNING WITH THIS ROSE SCENT
(YES)
ACTUALLY THIS IS THE ONLY THING SHE CAN DO.
I SEE...
WHEN MY MOTHER COMES BACK, CAN I STILL STAY HERE?
IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS!
I WANT
UPS
I LIKE TO CONTINUE
TO WORK AS A MODEL!

I NOTICED YOU ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO SPEAK MORE POLITELY
I THINK IT'S VERY CUTE
WH-
WH... WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
BUT IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD ME TO SPEAK BETTER
CUTE?
I HAVE HAD ENOUGH!
FOR THE PAIN I GO THROUGH YOU ARE GOING TO GET A NAME EVERY MORNING!
YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING ELSE, EH? COME ON, ADMIT IT

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WELL, I SHOULD'VE SAID THIS A LONG TIME AGO, BUT COULDN'T FIND A WAY HOW, SO I THOUGHT OF THIS WAY INSTEAD.

THANKS MOONLIL FOR PROVIDING US THE RAW FOR COMPLEX. IT'S ALSO BECAUSE OF THIS THAT WE FORM OUR OWN TRANSLATION GROUP. SO THANK YOU!

SYLVIE

ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU GUY ENJOY THE MANGA

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GRANDPA HAD ALREADY PASSED AWAY
I MUST GET UP AND GO HELP HIM
THE CICADAS ARE MAKING A RACKET
TRANSLATION NOTE: CICADAS ARE A TYPE OF INSECT
LISTEN, IT'S KOTA THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG
WHY DOES IT RAIN LIKE THIS NOW?

GRANPA!

HI!
.....
His brain was making the racket, not the cicadas
HI!
OH YEAH!
I'M LIVING AT SETSU'S PLACE NOW
MY DAD'S ALREADY USING IT, AND HE'S NOT COMING OUT
WHY NOT USE THE BATHROOM UPSTAIRS?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR BRAIN? WHY ARE YOU SHAVING HERE?

THEN YOU'RE REALLY A STUDENT?
I HAVE A CLASS AT THE UNIVERSITY TODAY
WHAT'S FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING?
YOU NEVER SAID
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE? USUALLY IF I DON'T COME, YOU'RE STILL IN BED
WHAT'S THERE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?
YOU HAVE CLASS?
YOU DON'T EAT BREAKFAST
MY MOM TOLD ME THAT YOU STUDY THE ARTS
WHEN I GO BUY MATERIALS AND I SEE ALL THE MULTI-COLORED TUBES
RIGHT NOW YOU ALSO DRAW?
I GET A LUMP IN MY THROAT AND MY HEART BEATS FASTER
MY PASSION IS THE MATERIALS FOR PAINTING!
YOU MUST LIKE IT THEN?
OR RATHER, THE COLORS!
NOT TRUE...
But for now, he's helping his dad in the office

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LISTEN UP!
ALL THE MAKEUP YOU SEE HERE IS PART OF MY TRAVELLING KIT IT'S MY TREASURE!
SO DON'T TOUCH IT, UNDERSTAND?
OH, OKAY!
AND THERE'S NOT ONLY PAINTING I'M INTO MAKEUP AS WELL. WHERE YOU CAN FIND VERY VIVID COLORS
HE HAS A TRUE TALENT FOR TRANSFORMING WOMEN.
PFFFT! NARE ONCE AGAIN?
AND YOU! AREN'T EATING?
I'M CHANGING RIGHT NOW. I'LL EAT AFTER.
TRANSLATOR NOTE: I THINK "NARE" IS A JAPANESE MISH MAS TRANSLATES INTO THE ACCENT ON THE LAST "E"

I RECEIVED IT WITH A LETTER WHERE SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE HAD ALREADY ENROLLED ME IN A HIGH SCHOOL
THIS IS THE UNIFORM MY MOM SENT ME
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU IN YOUR UNIFORM
THEN YOU MUST BE INSULTING
YOU FINALLY LOOK LIKE A GIRL IN THAT..
BUT YOU'RE WEARING PANTS UNDERNEATH THE SKIRT?
!!!
WHERE DID YOU FIND THOSE?
LISTEN, WOULD YOU WEAR THIS ONE?
OR THIS ONE?
YOU MUST NOT FEEL SECURE WITHOUT IT?
OLD PERVERT!

LOOK! HI, TORA.
EVERYTHING'S NOT OKAY!
I FOUND YOU LIFTING HER DRESS WITH YOUR CHOPSTICKS!
I DO WHAT I WANT FIRST!
WHAT ABOUT YOU THEN? YOU ATTEND THE BEST SCHOOL THAT I KNOW OF
BUT YOU ALWAYS COME TO FIND RIN EVERY MORNING
?
STOP EXAGGERATING IT'S ONLY NABE
AS LONG AS IT WAS MADE BY YOU!
WITH PLEASURE!
YOU WANT SOME, TORA?
I BUY FOOD FROM A NEARBY FAST-FOOD PLACE
AND YOU, TORA, HOW DO YOU EAT?

YOU TWO MUST GET BY ON YOUR OWN EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL
YOUR FATHER AND MIYU LEFT, SO...
SAY, ABOUT THAT. WHEN WILL YOUR FATHER BRING BACK MIYU?
DON'T KNOW!
SOON!
IT'S ANIMATED THIS MORNING
DOES EVERYONE USUALLY EAT TOGETHER?
LOOK...
I NOTICED THAT A SUPERB YOUNG MAN HAD JOINED YOU.
Hello Yusei
He changed his hairstyle

RIN, WHO IS THAT GUY?
HE'S THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE!
IS HE MESSED UP OR WHAT?
IS THIS YOUR UNIFORM?
TELL ME RIN...
IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL. YOU LOOK RAVISHING ♡
They are truly magnificent
His fingers are very... slender
The scent of roses? I have to turn away
I MUST WORK TODAY!
I'M GOING!
I WAS RAISED THERE.
I was about to faint
I COME FROM THE COUNTRY-SIDE

BUT SO FAR, EVERY GUY THAT I'VE MET...
...HAS BEEN VERY HANDSOME
The boss, Tatsu...
Tara
And also
AND IN MY VILLAGE, THE ONLY GUYS I KNEW
were my grandpa, the old priest
and my friends from school
LET GO FISHING!
I HAVE SOME BAIT!
EARTHWORM
Nothing compared to here
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU HAVE A FINER NECK AND FINER ARMS THAN MINE
I've only been in Tokyo a few months
AND YOU SHOULD FEEL PROUD
I DID NOTHING. I SWEAR.

WHEN YOU FIND A HANDSOME MAN...
EVERYTHING IS LIKE THE BEAUTY OF A FLOWER
Tora, Sabu
and the boss
HAVE A DIFFERENT AURA THAN OTHER GUYS

BUT EVERYONE IS UNIQUE...
TORA YOU SHOT HIM WITH A SQUIRT GUN
SOME ASHES FELL ON ME!
AND YOUR MOM... RETURNED WITH HIM.
OH, AND RIN
I COULDN'T TELL YOU THIS EARLIER SINCE SETSU WAS THERE BUT MY DAD HAS JUST COME BACK
AND WHAT WOULD I DO IF I STOPPED GROWING BECAUSE OF HIM?
I MUST GROW 15 CENTIMETERS MORE IF I WANT TO BECOME A REAL GUY!

YOU WANT TO CANCEL THE PORTFOLIO PROJECT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS MAGAZINE?
RIN...

LISTEN UP! YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
YOU MUST PAY US SOME COMPENSATION!
YOU HID FROM US THE FACT THAT MIYU HAD LEFT
YOU CAME TO TELL US THAT SOMETHING WAS OFF. NOW, WE WANT TO FINISH THIS BUSINESS QUICKLY.
ALSO, WE PREFERRED TO TAKE CONTROL.
WAIT!
FROM THE START, WE WANTED TO PREVENT A COLLECTION OF MIYU'S PHOTOS TAKEN OVER HER CAREER.
WE HAD NOT WANTED THAT FROM HER...
BUT YOU MENTIONED INCLUDING NUDE PICTURES OF MIYU.
YES, YES!
YOU PROPOSED THAT TO US
WE WILL BE FORCED TO CONTACT YOUR LAWYER
AND NOW, WITHOUT MIYU, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING
RIN WILL REPLACE HER!

SHE WILL NOT REPLACE MIYU!
CLEARLY SHE WOULD HAVE TO POSE NUDE TOO.
OH YES, I SEE THAT
OF course
RIN? WHO IS THAT?
MIYU'S SISTER,
A GIRL THAT RECENTLY IN THE MAGAZINE, QUITE A NATURAL!
I'VE RETURNED!
SORRY, BUT
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
Some clients?
OH?

SAY, YOU GATHER MANY MODELS IN YOUR AGENCY,
IS THIS ALSO ONE OF YOUR MODELS?
ER...
I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT MY BAG HERE
A tent!
UH
SORRY!
OUR LAWYER WILL CONTACT YOU IN A FEW DAYS WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION RELATIVE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THIS PROJECT
Compensation?
TELL US, ARE YOU BY CHANCE TRYING TO TRICK US RIGHT NOW?
WELL THEN DO WHAT WE SAY NICE AND QUIETLY SINCE MIYU HAS DISAPPEARED AND RIN CAN'T REPLACE HER
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
WHAT'S BEHIND THIS "COMPENSATION"?
WAIT!
TELL ME, SETSU!
WAIT, SO I CAN'T TAKE MY MOTHER'S PLACE?
THE PORTFOLIO PROJECT WAS CANCELED
NO, YOU CANNOT
SETSU!

The author lodged a complaint against our agency!
Over, lost of interest!
THE PROJECT WAS CANCELED?
AND NOW HE'S CLAIMING A COMPENSATION?
WHO WILL PAY IT? MY MOTHER?
OR SETSU AND HIS DAD?
EVERY-THING IS OLD AND DIRTY
Your mom returned with him
AFFARENTLY, ONLY MY MOM CAN PAY IT
No, you can't
Yes, thus is it

I WILL ASK HER!
THIS CAME OUT TODAY
what?
Hm?
WHY DID THEY PICK THIS PHOTO?
THAT'S ME AND KYO!
AAAHH!

I DIDN'T GET TO FLIP THROUGH IT!
IDIOT!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DID YOU TEAR IT UP?
I WANT TO SEE IT!
YES!
YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE A KISS?
WHAT A FOOL...
THE OTHER DAY AT SHIBUYA'S
THAT DAY, I LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU...
YOU SEEMED HAPPY TALKING TO HIM...
HUH?

I love it be by Tara's side
YEAH
OH YEAH?
BUT NO!
YOU KNOW, I FELT REALLY CONTENT WHEN I SAW YOU
IT WAS REALLY NICE OF YOU TO LOOK FOR ME
YOU WERE HAPPY TO SEE ME?
REALLY?
YEAH!
THEN

TORA!
YOU WILL PAY!
I KISSED HER!
OH YEAH! ♡
GRR
THIS PLACE IS NOT A NURSERY! DON'T ANNOY ME, ESPECIALLY TODAY!
QUIET!
SO BE QUIET!

HE KISSED ME!
B... BUT...
IT WAS HIM!
MMM

STOP! HE ONLY KISSED ME ON THE CHEEK!
YES...
HERE!
THAT'S GOOD!
Yeah, Kyo had kissed her on the other cheek.
SETSU!
HOW IS THAT GOOD?
STOP SCREAMING LIKE THAT PUT ON SOME ICE AND IT'LL GET BETTER
THAT HURTS!
OWWW!
THAT HURTS!
WAIT!
THAT'S BAD! MY ENTIRE CHEEK IS NOW SWOLLEN!
HURRY, CALL AN AMBULANCE!

RIN!
PLEASE GO DOWN AND BUY SOME CHICKEN.
And take the cheapest!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE REALLY GOING TO KILL ME.
YOU'RE EXAGGE-RATING.
OKAY!
WHAT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY THE COMPEN-SATION?
SAY, SETSU IT'S REALLY OVER FOR THE PORT-FOLIO?
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO!

AND I'LL BUY YOU SOME ICE CREAM
REALLY?
OKAY!
TORA, KEEP THE ICE ON YOUR CHEEK
PAH, FINE I'LL GO BUY THE MEAT
Then awesome
SOME GOOD ICE CREAM! ♡
YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU?

YEAH, YOU ATTACKED ME LIKE A CRAZY PERSON!
WHAT?
ALL THAT BECAUSE I KISSED HER!
IN FACT...
SORRY
IN FACT...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT WHEN I SAW YOUR DIRTY LITTLE FACE, MY BLOOD BOILED AND I HIT YOU

YOU ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
BUT THE REAL KID HERE IS YOU!
!?
HE DIDN'T GIVE THE SAME REPLY...
TO THE OTHERS
LET'S SEE YOU REPEAT THAT!
I'LL REARRANGE YOUR OTHER CHEEK!
BYE BYE!

I KNOW THAT MY MOTHER RETURNED TO JAPAN.
THIS WAY, SETSU AND HIS DAD WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE
I've found the Frozen meat
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT HER.
THAT'S IT. I'LL ASK MY MOTHER.
SHE CAN DO SOMETHING FOR THE PORTFOLIO

Look, it's that famous magazine?
Men's Q
"It came out today"
Inside is the photo where I posed with Kyo
.....

NO!
BO BOM
BO BOM
The photo with Kyo?
PHIL
GO!
HAA..
HAA..

A WINTER STREET...
冬の街へ
KYAAA
KYAAA

so the photo will be great
YOU WANT THIS?
BUT IN EVERYDAY LIFE PEOPLE ARE SIMPLE
YOU LIKE THIS GUY?
He knows what to do
OH LOOK, LOOK
COMPARED TO HIM, I MADE A FUNNY FACE
MOM DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M MODELLING
HOW WILL SHE REACT WHEN SHE FINDS OUT?

RIN !

MOM?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU I'M TORA'S FATHER.
THEN YOU'RE RIN?
UM

TELL ME, RIN!
WE ARRIVED THIS MORNING.
Tora's dad! My mother's companion
AH...
SORRY!
Then this is him.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT TONIGHT? I'LL MAKE YOU A SMALL FEAST.
MAKE ANYTHING SINCE I'M HUNGRY.
PFFFT!
TORA, SEE...
WHAT? LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS MY HOUSE.
I DIDN'T ASK YOU, TORA.
Forgive me, Rin
His father doesn't resemble him that much
I wasn't informed about anything
but he also has a gentle air
OH OKAY
HE MAKES SPECIAL DELIVERIES TO DIFFERENT PLACES FOR A TV CHAIN
WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER DO AS WORK?

From now on, I won't leave you completely alone
I just learned that grandpa had died?
I'm remarrying Tora's dad, you know?
And that you made your way alone
Us four will live together
I will always be here to protect you
To Tokyo without any money
I really didn't know Please Forgive me, my little Rin
NOTHING LIKE A GOOD MEAL TO FEEL LIKE A FAMILY

NABE? AGAIN!!?
of us ?
The Four

RIN...
!!WHAT?
MY NABE WASN'T GOOD?
YES, YES, IT WAS DELICIOUS
AH YOU REASSURED ME
TORA, YOU WANT TO HAVE A PARTY WITH ME?
I SAW THE PHOTOS OF YOU POSING IN THAT OUTFIT.
YOU HAD ON FAKE BREASTS RIGHT?
NO, HE DIDN'T FORCE ME!
I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT!
HOW COULD HE FORCE MY DAUGHTER TO DO SUCH A THING?
AND IT WAS SETSU WHO WAS BEHIND ALL THAT, I IMAGINE.

IN THAT CASE, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT ANYMORE FROM NOW ON...
THE FOUR OF US ARE GOING TO LIVE IN ENGLAND.
YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS LIED ABOUT MY AGE.
BUT MOM...
In England?
YOUR WORK?
YOU WANT TO QUIT?
WHAT PORTFOLIO?
I'VE DECIDED TO QUIT
BUT THE PORTFOLIO?
WHAT'S THAT?
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO CAN DO THIS.
IF NOT, THEN THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE.

MIYU THE COFFEE IS READY!
HERE I AM! ♡
GO AHEAD.
I can't tell her
She seems so happy
WELL THEN I'M HEADING BACK
GOING BACK? TO WHERE?
THE OFFICE
I CAN'T HANG AROUND SETSU AND HIS DAD WILL WORRY.
LATER!
RIN!
I won't tell her anything

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS?
I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
He didn't even ask me why I'm late!
IS THIS THE TIME TO BUY FROZEN MEAT?
Uh...
YEAH...
It's better that I don't tell him I met with my mother
DID YOU GET LOST, RIN?
YOU KNOW...
SETSU WAS VERY WORRIED. HE EVEN WENT TO LOOK FOR YOU. HE WALKED TO THE STORE MANY TIMES

YOU ARE A PRETTY, YOUNG GIRL. DON'T FORGET THAT.
I WAS ALSO VERY WORRIED. NEVER DO THAT TO US AGAIN, OKAY?
I must do something
About the perfume!
The scent of roses?
It's true. It's not nice to let them worry like that

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LIBERTINE
UH...
HUH?
COULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR LATEST COLLECTION OF LIPSTICKS AND EYE SHADOWS...
...PLEASE?

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THE NEWEST COLORS ARE GREAT!
AWESOME!

HEY, SETSU
MIYU!
HI HI
YOU'VE COME TO LOOK AT THIS AND THAT.
UH... YEAH...

They want to create a portfolio of photos of mom (including some nude ones)
WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THEM?
Since she came back, I wanted to talk to her about it, but...
WHAT PORT-FO-LIO?
She didn't know anything about it, and furthermore, she decided to quit her job
Satsu and his father risk entering into a very delicate situation
But if the portfolio is never finished...
It's such a small agency They must not have much money
...They must pay the price!

My mom is going to remarry Tora's dad.
I would very much like to do something for them, but...
She seems so happy. I can't ask her about this now.
OH DEAR!
SHHH
OH THERE, THERE!
KI KI
SORRY, I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE.
NNN
WHAT? GOOD GOD, YES!
The girls in my class don't like me very much.
THEY DID IT ON PURPOSE!
I'm not very shy, but I've well noticed their little game.

WHAT!
MY SHOES?
SOMEONE THREW THEM IN THE TRASHCAN
SERIOUSLY!
She's going to kill us!
THEM AGAIN?
BUT WHAT DID I EVER DO TO THEM?
I THINK THEY WANT TO GET YOU BACK FOR THE OTHER TIME
STOP THIS PERSE-CUTION!
TORA DEFENDED YOU AND THEN LEFT TO LOOK FOR YOU
THAT WAS IT?
I WAS THERE FOR NOTHING!
THE GIRLS LIED TO ME AND LEFT ME ALONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY
THE WORST THING IS THAT THEY WANT TO DESPISE YOU MORE AND MORE

HUH?
Girls' locker room
I was brought up in the countryside.
When I arrived at this school, I was surprised to see that there was a locker room just for girls.
And that they put on makeup here!
THEY'RE GOING TO BE LATE TO CLASS.
SAY
↑SHE LOOKED REALLY DIFFERENT A WHILE AGO...
BUT YEAH!
I'LL PUT ON MAKEUP TOO!

HUH?
THANK--
MY DAD HAD BOUGHT IT FOR A LITTLE EXERCISE. HE WANTS TO GET THINNER.
I WASHED IT AND BROUGHT IT BACK
KEEP IT.
AH WAIT A MINUTE, SHIBATA. .
THANKS FOR LENDING ME YOUR SWEAT JACKET.
HE GOT TIRED OF IT, AND HE GAVE THE JACKET TO ME, BUT...
...A RED JACKET LIKE THIS, IT'S NOT ME.
IT GOES WELL ON YOU THOUGH, SO KEEP IT
I DON'T GET THIS GIRL.
I can't say that she's an ally, but she's not on the side of the dirty shrews either.
She seems neutral, not with anyone.

IT'S WEIRD FOR A COUNTRY GIRL WHO USUALLY WEARS SWEATS.
Bah
why?
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE NOTICED THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
YOUR UNDER-CLOTHES ARE REALLY CUTE!
IN FACT...
...MY BOSS GAVE ME THESE CLOTHES.
社長!?
A BOSS?!
I MESSED UP A CHANCE TO KEEP QUIET

AH..
Mimi
SORRY, BUT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEANING COME BACK LATER
OKAY
HELP!
STOP, MIYU! THIS IS DISGUSTING!
WELL THEN, DURING MY ABSENCE, YOU HIRED MY DAUGHTER?

I DON'T THINK SO SHE HAS ME TRAPPED IN A BATHROOM TO TORTURE ME. BUT WHERE DID SHE LEARN THIS? SHE MUST HAVE HUNG OUT WITH SOME GANGS WHEN SHE WAS A TEEN.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S ACTUALLY YOU THAT IS DISGUSTING?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHY MY DAUGHTER APPEARS DRESSED UP IN A SWIMSUIT IN A MAGAZINE?
AND SINCE WHEN HAVE I HAD A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SISTER?
VERY MUCH SO.
A TELEGRAM STATING THAT MY FATHER HAD DIED ARRIVED AT THE OFFICE, BUT YOU DIDN'T SHOW IT TO ME
I'M A SHAMEFUL MOTHER.
SO I LEFT AND RIN FOUND HER WAY ALONE

YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT WHAT RIN THOUGHT
AND WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THIS PORTFOLIO?
THIS IS LIPSTICK
AND THESE, WHAT ARE THESE?
THIS THING IS FOR CURLING YOUR EYELASHES
....

I'LL TRY THEM ALL.
AT LEAST THIS ISN'T SERIOUS
RIN, COME! YOU'LL HAVE FUN!
TORA...
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO SCHOOL TODAY?
BECAUSE OF THIS! I WAS MARKED BY THAT CLOWN, SETSU!
I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS! HONESTLY!
THEY WON'T CARE ABOUT MY

STAY BACK, DEMONIC CREATURE!
LOOK, IF I WEAR THIS WIG
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S HIDEOUS!
HOW IS IT HIDEOUS?
I BECOME "RIN, 17 YEARS OLD, PHOTO MODEL".
YOU SEE IT?
WHERE IS IT DIFFERENT FROM SETSU'S MAKEUP?
YEAH, WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT THE SHAPE OF THE EYEBROWS IS A BIT WEIRD... AND IT MAKES ONE EYE LOOK MUCH SMALLER THAN THE OTHER, BUT OH WELL.

I'M TAKING RIN WITH ME!
SHE'S HERE, RIGHT?
FOR THE LIPS WE'LL TAKE THE ROSE COLOR AND GIVE THEM A BRILLIANT SHINE WITH GLOSS
LOOK, HERE ARE SOME FAKE EYELASHES. YOU'LL USE THEM.
YOU MUST PUT ON MORE EYELINER ON THE RIGHT EYE NO?
"EYE-LINER"? WHAT'S THAT?
SAY, YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOOD AT THIS
UH OH, IT'S MY MOM!
I MUST GO
BUT WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING WITH YOUR MAKEUP LIKE THAT?
LATER!
How did she do that? She suddenly changed?

AAARGH!
MY GEAR!
TORA,
DO YOU KNOW WHERE RIN IS?
I KNOW NOTHING
COME ON!
TELL ME!
TORA, YOU SMALL PIECE OF CRAP, IT'S YOU WHO USED THESE?
NO,
IT WASN'T ME!

RIN JUST WENT OUT
AND SHE USED THE MAKEUP
HUH?
THE CARD FROM THE EDITOR'S VISIT... IT'S NOT ON THE TABLE
EH, LOOK AT THAT GIRL.

HER MAKEUP IS TOO STRONG
YEAH, IT'S DIFFERENT
SHE'S TALL
AND SHE HAS A CERTAIN AIR.
OH! HERE IS WHERE I GET OFF!
BUT...
SHE'S REALLY WEIRD
WHO IS THAT GIRL?

UH... HOW DO I SAY THIS.
THERE'S A YOUNG GIRL WHO SAYS SHE'S NAMED RIN SUZUKI.
SHE WANTS TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PORTFOLIO
SHE'S A BIT BIZARRE...
RIN SUZUKI.
MY NAME IS...
I've come here to ask you something.
RIN SUZUKI?
YEAH, FINALLY, THIS JACKET IS COOL
My makeup doesn't leave anyone indifferent
Hehe, that's not bad!
AND HER MAKEUP WAS REALLY ORIGINAL!
YOU THINK SO?

BUT I'M TELLING YOU THAT I'M RIN SUZUKI!
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
OPEN UP!
YOU CAN STILL HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU!!
ARE YOU ADULTS OR NOT?
OOPS
YOU ARE REALLY RIN SUZUKI?
THAT'S ME!
WELL THEN, WE'LL START THE PHOTO SESSION IMMEDIATELY
WHAT?
WE'LL CALL YOU.

AND NOW WHO WILL PUT ON MY MAKEUP FOR ME?
I WANT SETSU TO DO IT FOR ME. .
POSE NUDE?
BUT WAIT A MINUTE. .
THEY SAID THAT THEY TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING THE STUDIO, A PHOTOGRAPHER, ETC
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
WITH THIS FACE. .
YOU PUT ON MAKEUP YOURSELF IN THIS ROOM.
HUH?
IMMEDIATELY?
WITHOUT SETSU, I CAN'T PREPARE MYSELF!
AAA

WHAT?
WELL BRAVO
YOU LOOK AWFUL
GO WASH YOUR FACE AND COME BACK TO ME QUICKLY!
BOO HOO HOO!
HEY! YOUR TOWEL'S RIGHT HERE!

SETSU...
I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU CAME!
BONK
BUT...
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?
HUH?

WHAT?
MOM?
WHAT?
?
?
WHAT WILL SHE SAY?
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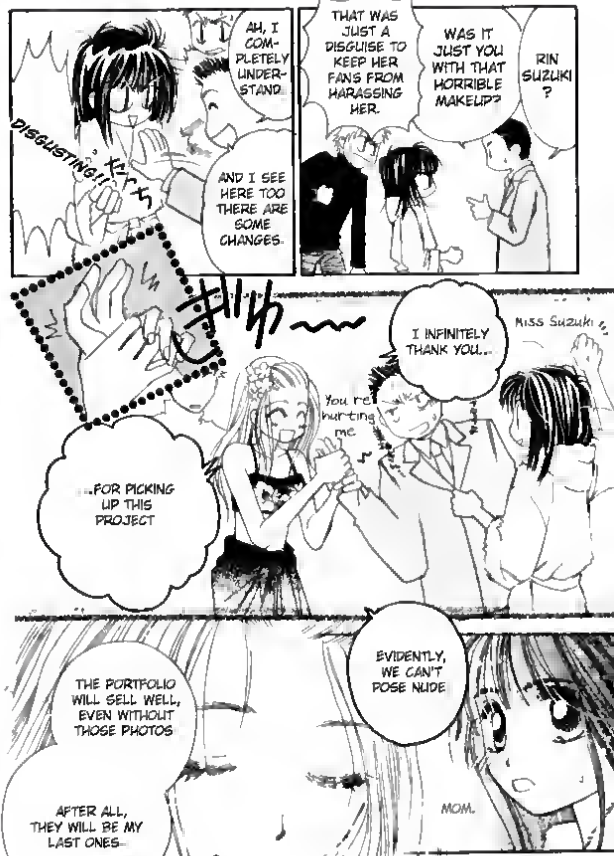

RIN SUZUKI ?
WAS IT JUST YOU WITH THAT HORRIBLE MAKEUP?
THAT WAS JUST A DISGUISE TO KEEP HER FANS FROM HARASSING HER.
AH, I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND.
AND I SEE HERE TOO THERE ARE SOME CHANGES.
DISGUSTING!!
Miss Suzuki
I INFINITELY THANK YOU...
You're hurting me
...FOR PICKING UP THIS PROJECT
EVIDENTLY, WE CAN'T POSE NUDE
MOM.
THE PORTFOLIO WILL SELL WELL, EVEN WITHOUT THOSE PHOTOS
AFTER ALL, THEY WILL BE MY LAST ONES

BUT THAT'S NOT AT ALL WHAT WE AGREED ON LAST TIME!
IF YOU STILL REFUSE, THEN YOU MUST PAY US COMPENSATION.
OH REALLY?
I HEARD THE WORST RUMORS ABOUT YOUR AGENCY...
WHAT?
BY THE WAY...
FOR EXAMPLE, AN ARTICLE APPEARED THIS WEEK IN A MAGAZINE... YOU KNOW, IT FEATURED A MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS OF AN IDOL AND A MODEL. THE SCOOP WAS FAKE, THE PHOTOS WERE RIGGED, AND EVERYTHING WAS AIMED AT SALES.
I ALSO HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT YOUR 61 YEAR OLD DIRECTOR FREQUENTLY VISITS A 16 YEAR OLD FEMALE SINGER.
TELL ME, WE WOULDN'T WANT TO RISK ANY PROBLEMS IF THIS BECAME KNOWN?
BUT DON'T WORRY. I WON'T SAY ANYTHING TO ANYONE.
Then we won't shoot any nude photos! We'll be focusing heavily!
SHE IS AMAZINGLY STRONG. MY MOTHER.
THAT'S NOT MY WAY, YOU KNOW.
MISS MIYU..

IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO SURVIVE IN THIS PROFESSION
YOU STILL WANT TO CONTINUE?
RIN...
EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WORK IN A JOB WHERE I'D BE NOTICED.

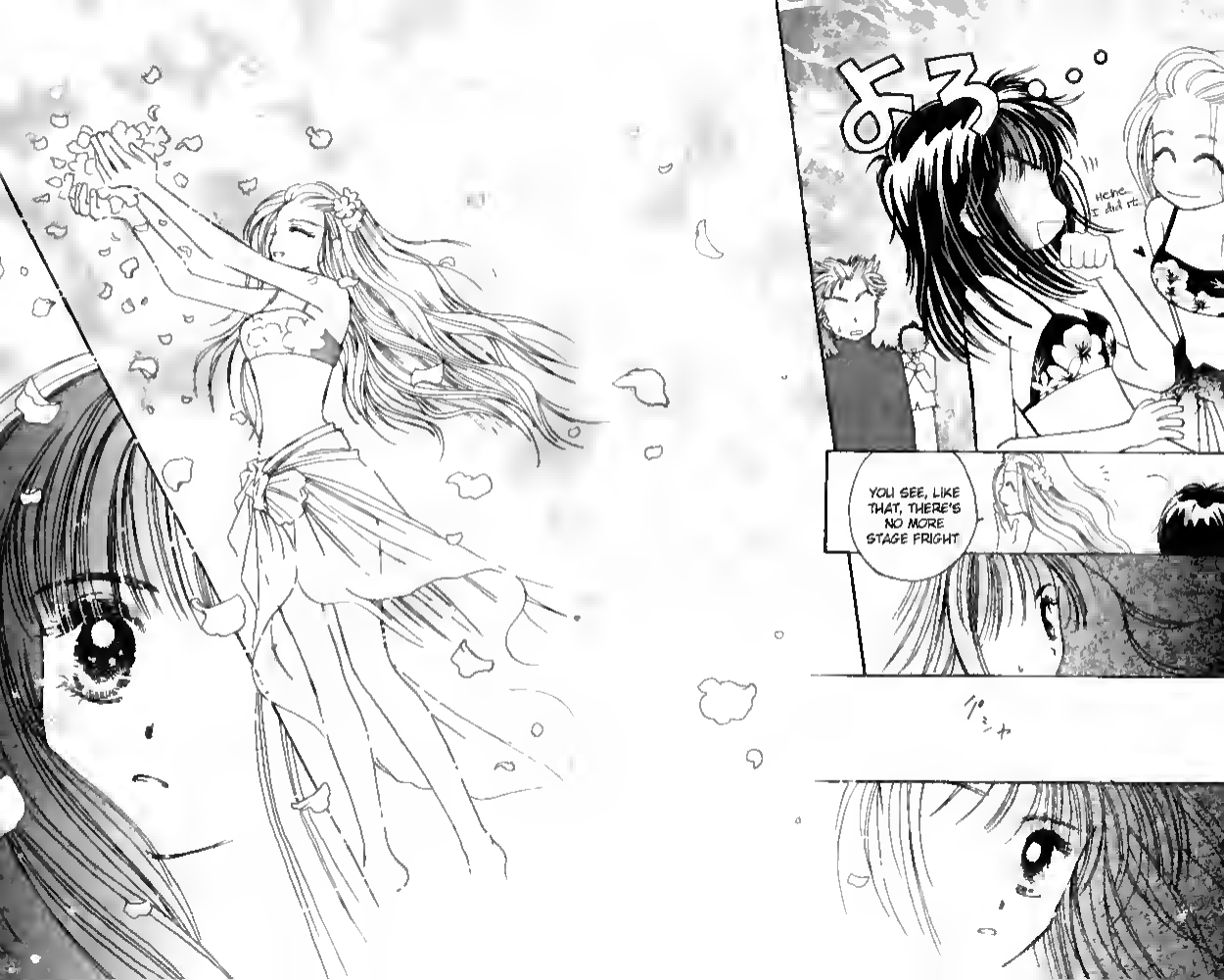
I GAVE UP MY ROLE AS A MOTHER.
I DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME AN AVERAGE HOUSEWIFE IN A SMALL, UNKNOWN VILLAGE.
I WANTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO KNOW WHO I WAS
THAT'S WHY...
IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE I GREW UP IN A SMALL VILLAGE, WITH LITTLE PEOPLE AROUND ME
AND PLUS I KNEW VERY WELL THAT I WAS PRETTY.
I GOT MARRIED AND YOU WERE BORN
BUT THE LONGING BECAME STRONGER AND STRONGER.
I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HOW EASY IT WAS TO GROW AND WORK IN TOKYO.
I DIDN'T WANT TO WATCH THIS CHANCE PASS BY. THAT'S WHY I LIED ABOUT MY AGE AND MADE AN ENORMOUS EFFORT TO SUPPORT MY AGENCY.
I SUCCEEDED IN BECOMING A MODEL AND EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON ME.
I HAD FULFILLED MY DREAM

I WANT TO BECOME A TRUE MOTHER AGAIN
SETSU AND HIS FATHER WERE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE, AND I OWE THEM A LOT...
...BUT I DON'T INTEND TO CONTINUE MODELING.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT, RIN...
...I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU YOURSELF THINK
...
MIYU CALLED ME IN A PANIC. SHE SAID THAT SHE NEEDED ME TONIGHT.
I ASKED HER FOR A SMALL GIFT IN EXCHANGE.
BUT THAT'S MR. MISHIMA, THE PHOTOGRAPHER!
RIN, MIYU!
EVERYTHING IS READY WE'RE GOING TO START!

SETSU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?
SAY, MOM, WHAT'S SCHEDULED FOR THE PHOTO SESSION?
ISN'T IT FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO? THEN WHY MUST I WEAR A SWIMSUIT TOO?
IN PLACE OF THE NUDE PHOTOS, THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE A SERIES OF PHOTOS OF THE "GORGEOUS SUZUKI SISTERS" IN SWIMSUITS
MISHIMA, I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO TAKE SOME SUPER SEXY PICTURES!
Didn't you say that you wanted to become a real mother soon?
WHAT, RIN?
Don't act so stiff. Be natural.

RIN, WHO GAVE YOU YOUR FIRST KISS?
!!!
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE GUY YOU'D LIKE TO KISS YOU?
WHAT?
I DON'T WANT ONE, THAT'S ALL!
NO ONE!!
THEN...
KYO... THEN, I THINK
KYO, THE MODEL?
YEAH
I'VE ONLY MET HIM THREE TIMES...
BUT HE'S SO HANDSOME
AND HE'S NOT LIKE THE OTHERS

ACTUALLY, I REALLY DON'T KNOW. I JUST CAME HERE. I HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW MANY GUYS.
FOR HER, TORA AND SETSU DON'T COUNT AS GUYS.
?
OKAY.
BUT RIGHT NOW..
IT'S ME...
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS VERY IMPORTANT. NEVER FORGET IT.
IF YOU EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH A BOY...
...AND YOU'RE NOT SURE HOW YOU FEEL..
..KNOW ONE THING: IF YOU WANT TO KISS HIM, THEN HE'S SOMEONE THAT MEANS A LOT TO YOU
...WHO WILL STEAL YOUR FIRST KISS.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Hehe
It did it!
YOU SEE, LIKE THAT, THERE'S NO MORE STAGE FRIGHT
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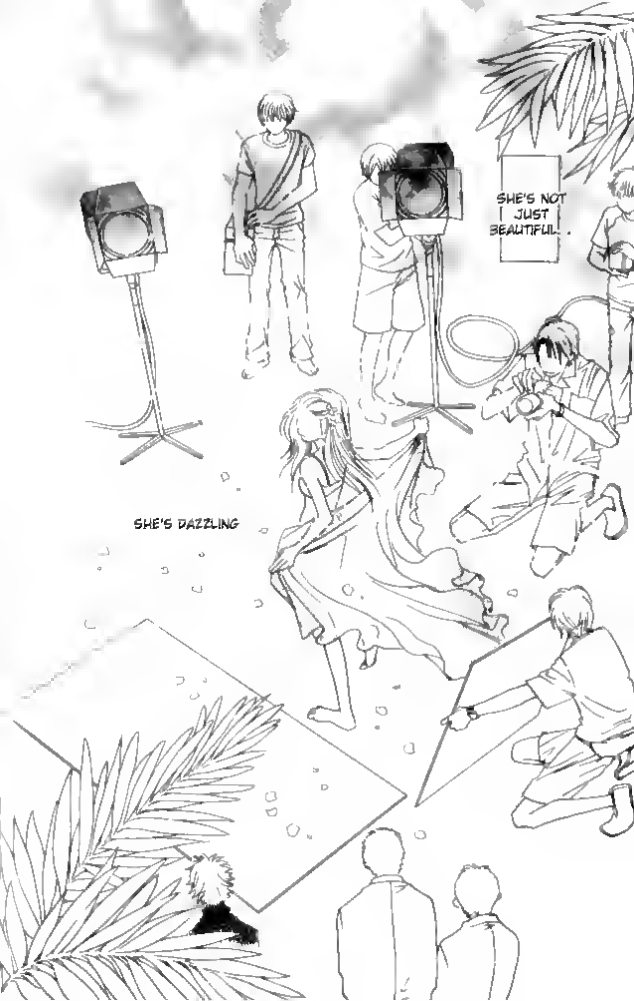
SHE'S NOT JUST BEAUTIFUL..
SHE'S DAZZLING

I'M GOING TO MISS HIM...
AND WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE WITH YOUR MOM?
DIDN'T SHE ASK YOU TO GO WITH HER?
I TOLD HER THAT I WANT TO STAY HERE.
TORA LEFT WITH THEM
I THINK THEY'RE STILL AT NARITA.
DO YOU THINK MY MOM'S ALREADY IN ENGLAND?

UH.
SAY, SETSU...
WHY'D YOU BUY ME ALL OF THIS? TOWELS, SHEETS, SHAMPOO...
YOU ALSO ORDERED A FUTON FOR ME
IN FACT
IS IT BECAUSE I'M STAYING AT YOUR PLACE?
YEAH, THAT'S IT
WHAT'S THIS FOR, SETSU, THIS TENT?
IS THAT MY DAUGHTER'S ROOM?
YOU CAN INSTANTLY TELL WHO ISN'T USED TO CROWDS THEY CAN'T STOP BUMPING INTO OTHERS.
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE WALKING.
SORRY
WHY'D YOU ASK...
THERE'S A TRICK FOR AVOIDING THAT.
A TRICK?
...TO STAY HERE?
YOU NEED TO "READ" THE FLOW OF THE CROWD

YOU STAYED AS LONG AS YOU COULD CRASH AT MY PLACE?
..
YEAH!
AND WITH THE BOSS TOO!
WHAT?
WHY'D YOU HESITATE?
AND ALSO...
.. AT SCHOOL, I ENDURED BULLYING AND MORE BULLYING!
AS LONG AS I HAVEN'T PAID THEM BACK FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ME..
.I WILL NOT LEAVE FOR ENGLAND!
AND THEY THREW BALLS AT MY HEAD! THEY THREW AWAY MY SHOES! THEY LEFT ME IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EMPTY STREET!! DID YOU KNOW ALL THAT?
GOOD COURAGE..

I'M HUNGRY.
I WANT SOME GOOD CURRY RICE
I WANT TO BE A MODEL
BUT NOT A MODEL THAT POSES IN SWIMSUITS LIKE NOW.
A MODEL DIGNIFIED ENOUGH TO POSE WITH KYO

TORA?
RIN!!
YOU DIDN'T LEAVE FOR ENGLAND?
NO ONE WAS AT THE OFFICE! I ASKED WHERE YOU GUYS WERE!
You're not leaving anymore?
FIRST, THERE'S A SMALL "PROBLEM"
I CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH
YOU SEEMED SO HAPPY TO START OVER AND LIVE WITH YOUR NEW DAD.
KY...
A REAL MODEL...
MY DAD LET ME STAY
BUT MOSTLY, I WANTED TO STAY WITH YOU!
YOU'RE CRUSHING ME!
!?

If that's what you want, then you can stay.
oh no!
IT'S LIKE A NEW ZOO...
stop, you're crushing me! Are you dead or what?!
You're only 14.
But the Rin Suzuki who poses for magazines is suppose to be 17.
But on one condition...
If ever...

SAY, SETSU...
If ever someone other than Setsu or Tora...
finds out that you're only 14...
...You must come to live with me.
YOU THINK THAT MAYBE ONE DAY...
I'LL WALK WITHOUT BUMPING INTO OTHERS?
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鈴木美
ラスト写
sold out
鈴木美柚
ラスト写真集
本日発売
THE LAST FORTFOLIO OF MY MOTHER MIYU SUZUKI, CAME OUT
THIS IS MY MOM'S FORT-FOLIO..
鈴木美柚
鈴木美
On sale today

So why did they choose this photo for the cover?!
金木研
Why couldn't they pick a different one?!!
Why this one?!
HEY, RIN!
BRING US SOME TEA
HUH?
RIN?

THE PORTFOLIO BECAME A HUGE SUCCESS AND SOLD VERY WELL
I POSED WITH MY MOM FOR SOME OF THE PHOTOS WHILE PASSING AS HER SISTER
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE, SHE DOESN'T RESEMBLE RIN AT ALL
UH... NO, THAT'S NOT HER.
IN FACT... UH...
SHE'S JUST A GIRL WHO HELPS US AT THE OFFICE.
AFTER THAT, THE AGENCY HAS BEEN RECEIVING A TON OF OFFERS
YEAH. I'M THE REAL RIN SUZUKI
FOR "RIN SUZUKI" AND THAT'S ME

I'M MUCH LESS SATISFIED
But me
Satsu seems delighted
In fact, Rin Suzuki isn't exactly me I lied about my age?
Without Satsu, Rin doesn't exist!
I WORE FAKE BREASTS AND SETSU DID MY MAKEUP SO NO ONE WOULD RECOGNIZE ME
It was a shock when I realized that

Rm, what do you want to be later on? A singer? An actress?
That time, you gave up living with your mother
You can stay here long as me condition?
MODEL
For this sacrifice you invested 100%
You're only 14, but the Rm Suzuki who poses for magazines is said to be 17 If someone other than Satsu and Tora finds out that you're only 14?
I want to become a supermodel!
FAMOUS ENOUGH TO POSE WITH KYO!
You must come and live with me!
Huh?

WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE?
LIAR!
NABE AGAIN?
WELL, I'M LEAVING!
HOLD ON, RIN
TONIGHT, THERE'S A 5 O'CLOCK MEETING WITH OUR CLIENTS TO DISCUSS THE NEXT PHOTO SHOOT
Nabe, that's it?
APPARENTLY, THEY'RE COUNTING ON MAKING A PORTFOLIO OF RIN SUZUKI.
SETSU!
GET UP! BREAKFAST IS READY!
YOU'RE WALKING DOWN THE MIDDLE
IF YOU CONTINUE THIS WAY YOU'LL EVENTUALLY MODEL WITH KYO THAT'S ONE OF YOUR DREAMS, RIGHT?

PFFFT!
MOM EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO ME!
WHAT?
SETSU ISN'T A DIRTY LIAR!
PFFT!
NABE WITH KIMCHI IN THE MORNING, THAT'S HARSH
TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF MODELS DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVEN.
ARE ALMOST NEVER FOUND POSING IN THE SAME PHOTO.
Models like Kyo who work for fashion magazines pose wearing expensive clothing.
Us, what we do is sell our image?
And then sell to TV channels or other magazines.

YOU HAVE TO BE REALLY GREAT TO BECOME A MODEL.
"The winner will become a model for our magazine"
HEY, GIRLS, WHAT IF WE ENTERED THIS COMPETITION?
SHOOT!
OH YEAH, YOU THINK?
THEY LOOK FOR MODELS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL. I DON'T SEE WHY ONE OF US CAN'T BE SELECTED
STOP LOOKING!
LOOK. THEY FOUND SOME MODELS FROM A CONTEST.
YOU NEED TO BE AT LEAST 165CM TALL.
THE ONLY GIRL THAT'S OVER 165CM...
THE MODELS IN THIS MAGAZINE ARE ALWAYS VERY CUTE.
WHERE'D YOU GUYS PUT MY SHOES?
...IS THE FEMALE MONKEY.

IT WAS ME!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
WHOSE FEEBLE JOKE WAS THIS, HUH?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR SHOES, THEY'RE ON YOUR CHAIR.
WHAT?
!!
THAT IDIOT...
I SAW THEM GO UPSTAIRS TO THROW YOUR SHOES ON THE ROOF.
SO I WENT TO COLLECT THEM. YOU COULD THANK ME
YOU ANNOY THEM, TOO
BECAUSE YOU LEFT FOR NO REASON
BUT NOW WHAT WILL THEY TAKE? THEY ANNOY ME, THOSE GIRLS!
THANKS!

ABOUT THAT, I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
SHIORI, AREN'T YOU TIRED OF HELPING ME?
AFTER ALL, THEY COULD TARGET YOU.
ME?
THEN AGAIN...
...YOU WOULD BE BETTER OFF NOT PROVOKING THEM.
IF NOT THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO MAKE YOU SCREAM
HUH? THEY WANT TO MAKE ME SCREAM AND CRY?
BUT THEY WON'T!
RIN...
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
WAAHH!

ON TOP OF THAT, YOU LOOK REALLY CUTE IN A SWIMSUIT
STOP!
CAN YOU TELL ME WHY MIYU IS KISSING YOU?
If someone other than Satou and Tora finds out that you're only 14
BE QUIET!
TORA!
THAT'S DESPICABLE!
NOT ONLY IS SHE SLEEPING WITH MY DAD, BUT SHE ALSO STOLE A KISS FROM MY LITTLE RIN
ARGH!
PLEASE DON'T TALK SO LOUD!

BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
Who could believe you're the same?
So...
SOUL
Thus and that
STOP, OR ELSE EVERYONE WILL FIND OUT THAT IT'S ME IN THOSE PHOTOS
HUH?
SETSU IS NICE TO ME ONCE IN A WHILE BECAUSE I WORK FOR HIM
WITH KYO, HE LIKES THE OTHER RIN HE WOULDN'T SEE ME THE SAME WAY
THE WORST PART IS THAT IT'S TRUE.
WITHOUT THE FAKE RIN SUZUKI, I'M NOTHING
I WANNA RETURN TO BEING A 14 YEAR OLD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
I DON'T SEE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE
FOR ME I LIKE YOU BOTH

Nice, nice that's all?
THANKS, YOU'RE REALLY NICE
I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU DIDN'T LEAVE TO LIVE IN ENGLAND
SAY, TORA
I'M REALLY HAPPY, BUT DON'T YOU REGRET STAYING HERE?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU WANTED TO LIVE WITH YOUR FATHER?
I WOULD HAVE GONE WITH HIM, BUT THERE'S MIYU
I WANTED THEM TO FEEL LIKE THEY NEED ME
BUT YOU NEED ME RIGHT?
NO!!
NO!

A PIECE OF GUM.
HE'S GOING SO FAST
I DON'T GET ANY-THING
I THINK THAT YOU UNDER-STAND IT
THIS TENSE IS CALLED THE PRESENT FORM.
?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
TORA RIN! SIT DOWN!
IF MY LESSON DOESN'T INTEREST YOU THEN YOU CAN LEAVE!
BUT, SIR
SOMEONE THREW PIECES OF GUM AT MY HEAD

WELL, BOTH OF YOU...
...IF YOU CONTINUE TO DISTURB MY CLASS I'LL SEND YOU INTO THE HALLWAY!
SOUL
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M LEAVING!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO CONTINUE LISTENING TO THIS STUPID CLASS!
.....
AH...
SIT DOWN!
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING... IDIOT!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A CROWD TO ISOLATE YOU
When I want to be alone, I come here
Alone? In the middle of a crowd?
Kyo

I WON'T CONTINUE...
WHO TOSSED THIS MAGAZINE AT ME?
WHO?
UH
I DON'T KNOW...
...letting them do this to me!!
HUH?
THEN, I'LL KEEP IT.
WELL, IF YOU THREW THIS, THEN YOU MUST NOT WANT IT.
I'M INTERESTED IN KYO.
IF YOU WANT, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN DRESSING UP NOW?
AH!
KYO?
THAT'S THE MODEL IN THAT PHOTO OF THE CONTEST.
WAIT. YOU DON'T INTEND TO ENTER THIS CONTEST...
"The competition to become a model"

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THAT'S A JOKE!
SHE REALLY WANTS TO BECOME A MODEL
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
THAT'S ENOUGH
WHAT IF I WERE TO SUCCEED AND BECOME A MODEL HUH?
I COULD POSE WITH KYO...
IN THIS MAGAZINE
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読者ハガキ
IF YOU WERE SELECTED, WHAT'S NEXT?
BAH, YOU CAN BECOME A MODEL FOR THE MAGAZINE
AN EXCLUSIVE MODEL OF THAT MAGAZINE

DID YOU HEAR THAT? SHE REALLY BELIEVES IT!
ANYTHING
WAIT, SHE'S SPEAKING AGAIN.
I WILL DO IT!
AND IF I'M SELECTED, YOU MUST COME TO SCHOOL AND GUARD MY STUFF ALL DAY!
SHE'S ACTUALLY REALLY MOTIVATED.
CAN YOU REALLY BECOME A MODEL?
SHE CAN DO IT!
BE QUIET!
YOU KNOW, SHE'S ALREADY POSED IN A SWIMSUIT AND MIYU KISS.

WAIT A MINUTE WHAT'S THIS APPLICATION?
IF YOU FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION AND SEND IT TODAY...
IT'LL BE FINE
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM. THE DEADLINE FOR SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION IS TOMORROW.
WHAT?
SO... YOU NEED TO SEND IN YOUR CV, AN ESSAY, AND TWO PHOTOS
TWO PHOTOS?
HOW?
SHE'S BETTER QUIT
WHAT OPTIMISM
GOOD IDEA, RIN!
THERE'S A PHOTO CLUB IN THIS SCHOOL?
I KNOW! THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB!
YEAH, THERE'S A CLUB FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
AND NOW TO GO ASK THEM TO TAKE MY PICTURE
PHOTOS

AND PLUS, OUR TEACHER WON'T BE HERE TOMORROW, AND WE CAN'T DEVELOP THEM RIGHT WITHOUT HIM.
SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
THERE'S NO TIME TO DEVELOP THE PHOTOS TONIGHT
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE NOT VERY CUNNING
UH —
YES, YES, WE HAVE ONE
YOU'RE REALLY SMART!
YOU DON'T HAVE A DIGITAL CAMERA?
WITH A DIGITAL ONE, YOU CAN PRINT THE PHOTOS DIRECTLY
WELL, LET'S DO IT
THIS IS @REALLY FUNNY
WAIT!
YOU GOTTA CALL SETSU!
OH YEAH, YOUR MAKEUP!
YOU HAVE TO WEAR SOME LIPSTICK

I WANT TO SUCCEED BY MYSELF
NO
THERE'S NO NEED TO!
?
!
OH
YEAH
WITH SUCH A PRETTY FACE, THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE IT
YOU MUST CLEAR YOUR FOREHEAD

WELL, NOW WHAT DO WE DO FOR THE SECOND PICTURE?
IF YOU HURRY YOU CAN DROP BY YOUR HOUS AND...
BUT WHAT WOULD I WEAR? I ONLY HAVE JOGGING SUITS!
ARE YOU KIDDING?
WELL, THAT'S OBVIOUS DRESS LIKE USUAL
SHE'S REALLY CUTE!
EVERY-DAY DRESS?
AND PLUS, THE PHOTO TURNED OUT GREAT. BRAVO, GUYS
HEHE
The meeting!
AAAH!
LISTEN I'LL DROP BY MY PLACE THEN AND I'LL LEND YOU SOMETHING TO WEAR
IT'LL TAKE ME HALF AN HOUR TO GET TO AOYAMA WHAT TIME IS IT?
AT FIVE I HAVE TO GET TO WORK!
IT'S FOUR O'CLOCK!
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
YOU WORK?
Oops!

WITH WHAT MONEY?
AND YOU SIMPLY NEED TO BUY SOME CLOTHES?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF STORES IN THIS AREA
UH. YEAH. I WORK PART TIME
I WORK IN A BUILDING WHERE I SERVE TEA IN AN OFFICE
IT'S NOT SO SERIOUS YOU DON'T NEED TO GO!
AND THIS IS HOW I FEEL THE BEST.
LET'S GO.
NO, THAT'S TOO UGLY
WAIT HERE.
IT'S NOT THAT BAD. I'LL WEAR THIS JACKET
AFTER ALL, IT'S WHAT I WEAR EVERY DAY
HERE, I FOUND YOU SOME CLOTHES.

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HOW'D YOU GET THESE?
I BORROWED THE SKIRT FROM THE TENNIS CLUB
AND THE LACY PAJAMAS I TOOK FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR
STAND UP A BIT.
I'M GOING TO FIX THE BACK SO IT DOESN'T STICK OUT.
THANKS!
SAY GUYS, DO YOU THINK SHE LOOKS WEIRD?
I DON'T KNOW BUT IT GOES SUPER WELL!

SHE'S ALWAYS RUNNING
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL
LOOK!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO VISIT THAT NEW STORE THAT JUST OPENED NEAR HERE?
HEY, GIRLS!
SHE'S JUST A COUNTRY GIRL...
IN THAT CASE, HER MOTIVATION IS FUNNY PFFF BUT WHAT IS SHE THINKING?
SHE REALLY WANTS TO BECOME A MODEL FOR THAT MAGAZINE?
AH!
POOR HIM...
WHO'S THAT GUY?
WHAT ABOUT TORA?
SORRY...
WELL, LET'S GO WE HAVE TO GET THERE DIRECTLY
I TOLD YOU WE HAD A MEETING AT 5! YOU HAVE TO RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY 4!
Esthetique

SORRY THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO COME LOOKING FOR ME..
YOU RISK MISSING WORK EVERYDAY. AND ON THE WEEK-ENDS YOU RARELY REST.
IT'S NOT THAT BAD
YOU'RE ALSO A STUDENT, ON TOP OF THAT..
I FEEL A BIT RESP-ONSIBLE...
YOU'RE TOO NICE SOME-TIMES
I'M ASHAMED OF MY-SELF..
BECAUSE I'VE STOPPED DOING GOOD DEEDS

A STAFF MEMBER OF "PUCHI" MAGAZINE CAME BY
AH, SETSU, YOU'RE HERE?
IT'S ME!
REALLY?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMPETITION TO BECAME A MODEL
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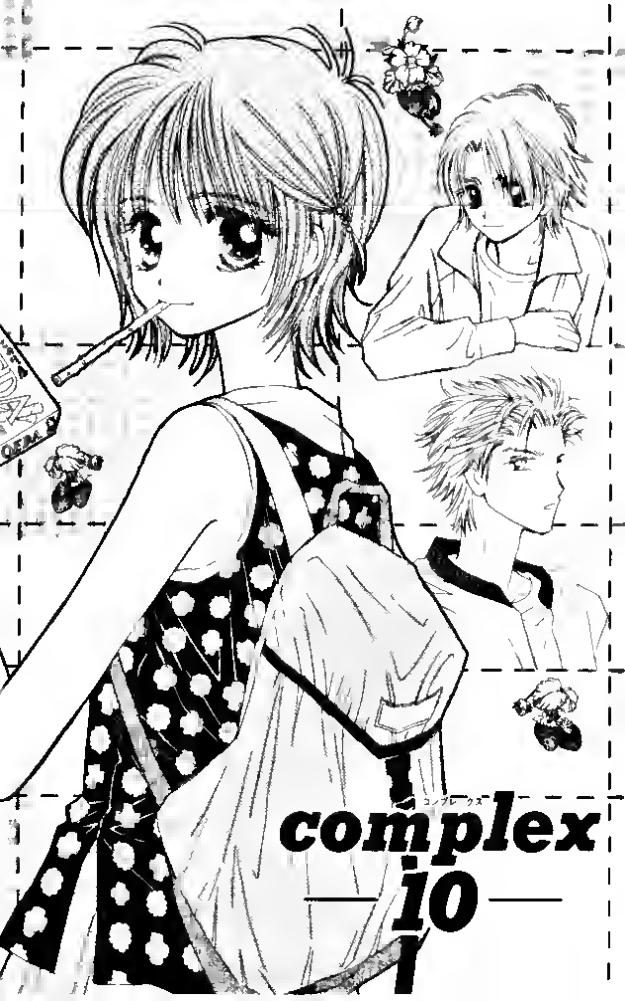

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PUCHI
FINAL CASTING CONTEST
SECOND FLOOR IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM
IT'S IN HERE

7 DAYS AGO
ARE THEY ALL WAITING
FOR THE FINAL CASTING?
YOU WERE PRE-SELECTED?
IS IT TRUE?
LOOK!
THEY EVEN SENT ME A LETTER. IT'S GOING TO OCCUR NEXT SUNDAY
読者モデル
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第12回

RIN
WELL...
I CAN'T TELL HER
THAT HE IS MY MANAGER
WHO IS SETSU?
HE IS THE ONE TAKING CARE OF ME
WAIT!
WAIT IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA! DON'T TELL HIM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!
BECAUSE YOU ARE ALREADY A MODEL AT HIS AG...
TORA?
?
HE ALREADY KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT
HE LOOKED FURIOUS
MOREOVER HE WON'T SPEAK TO ME ANYMORE

.....
COME ON, SETSU
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT THE FINAL CASTING
What for heaven's sake is the matter with him?
IF he doesn't want to talk to me why he is staying here? He just came to stuff himself with food

THE "PHOTO MODELS" ARE NOT LIKE OTHER MODELS. I WILL NEVER BE ABLE.
...TO POSE WITH KYO
YOU ALREADY HAVE WORKED FOR SOME CASTINGS SO WHAT DO YOU WANT MORE?
YOU STAYED HERE IN ORDER TO BECOME A MODEL, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT THE SAME
WHAT'S THIS STORY ABOUT A MODEL
SELECTION AMONG FEMALE READERS?

I'M TAKING MY JOB SERIOUSLY AND I WORK HARD FOR IT.
SO, I CAN ENTER THE CONTEST, CAN'T I?
I WILL NEITHER TALK ABOUT THE AGENCY NOR OUR PHOTO SESSIONS.
NOW IT'S PERSONAL
I WANT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR MY TRUE SELF
...POSE WITH KYO!
PLEASE!

SINCE THEN HE HASN'T TALKED TO ME
LISTEN
THE FINAL CASTING IS TOMORROW
I'M WASTING MY TIME I'M GOING TO BED
SIGH
.....
I won't wash the dishes tonight and
I don't like this at all!

He thinks he is the present Warren Beatty
WELL WHEN IS THE BOSS COMING HOME? I'M BORED
Since I got to know him well I would say he probably ate out
HEY...
IS YOUR MOTHER NOT LIVING WITH YOU?
to prepare diner for them
It's allright After all there was nobody
HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING ALONE WITH YOUR FATHER FOR A LONG WHILE?
WOW! OH!
SHE HAS HER OWN APARTMENT
SORRY THAT DOESN'T CONCERN ME...

WE ARE LIVING APART
WHAT?
MOTHER LEFT WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NOT TOO BAD SHE DIDN'T ENTIRELY DISAPPEAR OUT OF MY LIFE
I SEE HER FROM TIME TO TIME.
I KNOW THAT MY FATHER REGULARLY EATS LUNCH WITH HER
Satsu is also living with his father
Like Tara and me however I lived with my grandfather
THEY HAVE NO REASON TO DIVORCE BUT NEITHER DO THEY HAVE ONE FOR LIVING TOGETHER.

IT'S TRUE THAT I NEVER ASKED ANYTHING ABOUT HIM BEFORE
You also have to care for yourself in spite of still being in junior high
The three of us are alike
Your dad and Miyu are away and
I KNOW THAT HE STUDIES THE FINE ARTS AND THAT HE GETS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER COLOURS AND MAKEUP
ACTUALLY...
I wonder why is he working as manager in this agency but it's a delicate question to ask
BESIDES HE IMMEDIATELY BECOMES IRRITABLE
FOR HIM I'M A CHILD
Even if he pretends to be me by bleaching his hair
HE STILL IS A STUDENT HOWEVER. I DON'T CONSIDER HIM TO BE A REAL ADULT
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SORRY
ERR
YOUR HAIR
I THOUGHT YOUR HAIR WAS BLEACHED BUT IT'S YOUR NATURAL COLOUR.
IT'S ALMOST CHESTNUT-BROWN
OH SO FUNNY YOU LOOK SO MUCH YOUNGER
— WITH YOUR HAIR DOWN.

I THINK YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I'M VERY ANGRY WITH YOU.
PLEASE RECALL THAT IT WAS YOU WHO WANTED TO WORK FOR OUR AGENCY.
ON THE SPOT WE DID EVERYTHING TO HELP YOU OUT. BUT YOU APPLIED IN ORDER TO BECOME A MODEL IN THIS MAGAZINE.
DIDN'T IT CROSS YOUR MIND EVEN ONCE THAT FOR YOUR SAKE WE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO IT?
I THINK THAT SETSU...
ALSO INHERITATED HIS HAIR FROM ME.

SO YOU WERE SELECTED TO BECOME A MODEL IN A MAGAZINE?
NOT YET.
WHAT REMAINS IS THE FINAL CASTING
WE HAVE SWEDISH ANCESTORS IN OUR FAMILY.
IT'S A NICE ASH BROWN, RIGHT?
BOSS!
YOU CAN USE MY ROOM FOR THE NIGHT
WHAT?
THE FINAL CASTING? IT'S A SIMPLE INTERVIEW AND A TEST PHOTOGRAPH
YOU HAVE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND TALK CORRECTLY AT THE SAME TIME
OH, WELL! GOOD NIGHT!
TOMORROW IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY FOR YOU HURRY AND GO TO BED.
AS A MODEL ONE SHOULD BE IN GOOD HEALTH
JUST TALK AS ALWAYS AND EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE
ALRIGHT
OKAY?

YOU REALLY ARE NAIVE, FATHER.
SETSU!
SHE HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS JOB REQUIRES RULES BY WHICH SHE MUST ABIDE
SHE APPLIED SO SHE COULD WORK FOR THIS MAGAZINE WITHOUT TELLING US ANYTHING SHE DIDN'T HONOUR OUR CONTRACT
SETSU!
WE HAVE NO CONTRACT WITH RIN.
SHE TOLD US SHE WANTED TO CONTINUE BEING A MODEL.
BUT THE ONLY REASON FOR HER TO STAY IN JAPAN
IS NOT TO FOLLOW HER MOTHER IT'S JUST FOR OUR SAKE.
SHE WANTS TO QUIT BEING A PHOTO MODEL.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

SETSU, YOU ALWAYS WANT TO IMPOSE YOUR DECISIONS ON EVERYONE.
REMEMRER HOW YOU PRESSURED MIYU ABOUT THE PORT-FOLIO?
COME ON IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA FOR HER TO BECOME A MODEL FOR THIS MAGAZINE
BUT IT'S BAD!
SHE WANTED TO POSE WITH KYO. PFFF. RIDICULOUS.
SHE KEPT PESTERING ME TO HEAR HER TALK ABOUT KYO
.....
SETSU
WANT ME TO SAY IT OUT LOUD FOR YOU?
YOU ARE JEALOUS

THIS ROSE SCENT...
I CAN'T SLEEP.
IT'S ALWAYS NOISY, EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
Never does it stop: car noises, people talking loudly, the sound of footsteps, public works
When I came to Tokyo I had some difficulties to go to sleep but
I'm used to it by now
MY HAND IS ITCHY...
HE REALLY HIT ME HARD.

It still hurt
-ZUKI!
MISS SUZUKI!
IT'S YOUR TURN FOR THE INTER-VIEW!
WHAAT?
YES!
GOOD MORNING
MISS SUZUKI?
YOU HAVE THE SAME NAME AS THE FAMOUS MODEL?
YES!
INCIDENTALLY IT'S ANNOYING

WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO BUY YOUR CLOTHES?
IS THIS YOUR UNIFORM? WHY DID YOU COME DRESSED THAT WAY?
WHAT?
ERR...
WHAT DO YOU USUALLY WEAR?
WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE BRANDS AND STORES?
I'M ALWAYS DRESSED EITHER IN A UNIFORM OR IN A TRACK-SUIT
AND SOMETIMES IN A SWIMSUIT
IEEH
NO
AND DON'T YOU WANT TO WEAR DRESSES OR CHOOSE MORE FEMININE CLOTHING?
CLOTHES ARE NOT THE KIND OF THING I'M INTERESTED IN, YOU KNOW
YOU ARE NEITHER KEEN ON FASHION NOR IN CLOTHES...
AND YOU WANT TO BECOME A MODEL FOR OUR MAGAZINE?
BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE KYO AGAIN!!
I'M HERE...

A YOUNG GIRL IN UNIFORM TOLD US EXACTLY THE SAME A FEW MINUTES AGO.
BESIDE HER UNIFORM SHE HAS NEVER WORN ANYTHING BUT JEANS AND T-SHIRTS
SHE REGISTERED ONLY BECAUSE OF KYO.
OK, GO AND GET CHANGED.
WE ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS.
CHOOSE THE CLOTHES YOU LIKE.
COOL THERE ARE NO SWIM-SUITS
AND EVERY-THING IS SO CUTE.
ARGH!
This too seems part of their criterias
How am I gonna know which clothes fit together?
Quite the contrary
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THE 3 POSES MOST USED BY MODELS
I'M READY. GO AHEAD.
THE HEAD INCLINED FORWARDS WITH EYES LOOKING UP
THE ARMS TIGHT AGAINST THE BODY TO EMPHASIZE THE CHEST
AT LAST SHE CHOSE AN ORDINARY DRESS AFTER ALL
NO NEED TO TAKE THIS KIND OF POSE
TO CROUCH
It doesn't went well at all
IT WAS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'M USUALLY DOING
KYO?!

I have never seen such a pretty girl
Oh so cute She is absolutely lovely!

SHE CERTAINLY WORKS FOR AN AGENCY
How come she emitted the same aura as Kyo?
IS SHE REALLY A SIMPLE READER?
SHE COMES FROM A SMALL ISLAND, FAR IN THE SOUTH
SEEMS SHE NEEDED 3 DAYS TO ARRIVE IT'S HER FIRST TIME IN TOKYO
SHE'S HERE SO SHE COULD MEET KYO
ドキン
A girl in uniform said exactly the same
ドキン
And she is 15?

RIN!
SO HOW DID IT WENT YESTERDAY?
DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
WERE YOU ELIMINATED?
NO!
THE RESULTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN
WE WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE IN 2 OR 3 DAYS
WHAT?
MARK MY WORDS IF EVER... YOU BECOME A MODEL FOR THIS MAGAZINE
WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO JUNIORHIGH IN A TRACKSUIT AND KEEP IT ON ALL DAY
BUT IN RETURN...

IF YOU ARE NOT CHOSEN...
YOU'LL HAVE TO ABANDON YOUR UNIFORM!!
WHAT?
THIS WAY THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE BALANCED
THAT SHALL BE NOT A PROBLEM FOR YOU...
SINCE YOU STAY IN A TRACKSUIT ALL DAY
FROM TIME TO TIME YOU ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR BOY'S UNIFORM IF YOU WISH TO
GREAT! THIS IS GOING TO BE SO FUN!
SO WE WON'T GROW WEARY OF THE GAME
ARGGH!
WH...
WHAT A BUNCH OF VIPERS!
WAIT, GIRLS SHE HAS NOT BEEN ELIMINATED YET HIHIHI
WHAT?

HI!
I'M BACK!
WHAT?
THEY JUST PHONED TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST.
WHAT'S WITH THIS SMILE?
I HAVE A BAD FORE-BODING.

YOU WEREN'T SELECTED.
HEHE YOU WERE NOT UP TO THE TASK
WHAT?
BEH? ACTUALLY YOU ARE A NASTY GUY.
NOW THINK ABOUT THE REASON YOU DIDN'T SUCCEED
BECAUSE OF THIS SPLENDID GIRL
NEXT TIME DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES

RIN!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT YOUR UNIFORM?
"Next time."?
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HAHA. I HAVE TO GO TO A PARTY FOR NOW
I'm on my way! La la la la la la!
MY NEW CHALLENGE!!!
I'M GONNA DO IT!!
TORA!
LEND ME ONE OF YOUR UNIFORMS!
HI!!

THIS UNIFORM
YOU WERE NOT CHOSEN?
YEAH.
SO GIRLS NO OBJECTIONS?
BUT I'LL HAVE THE FINAL SAY!
NEXT TIME...
I'LL BE SELECTED AS A MODEL AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MY PHOTO IN A MAGAZINE!

SHIBATA...
PRICELESS! I HAVEN'T LAUGH LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME!
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DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES?
OUR CLASS IS TRULY FRIGHTENING... BORING TO DEATH...
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WHEN I ARRIVED AT THIS SCHOOL, I DETESTED IT FROM THE FIRST MOMENT ON
BUT SINCE YOU GOT HERE IT'S HAS BEEN A BIT LESS BORING
AH, YES?
SO YOU TOO...
CHANGED SCHOOL DURING THE YEAR?
YES AND BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IT WAS ME WHO WAS BULLIED
TORA, STOP IT!
SHE HAS LIT CIGARETTE!
WHAT?
BUT IT'S TORA OVER THERE!
SHE WAS WALKING WITH HER LIT CIGARETTE IN HER HAND AND BLEW ALL THE SMOKE AND ASH IN MY FACE IT'S HER OWN FAULT.

I'M APOLOGIZING ON MY FRIEND'S BEHALF HE'LL PAY FOR YOUR CLOTHES OF COURSE
BOTH OF YOU ARE SO CUTE YOU ARE SELECTED!
WAIT!
SORRY!!!
.....
WHAT?
CAN I TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU?
DON'T WORRY. WE ARE WORKING FOR A FASHION MAGAZINE
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WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR PHOTO IN OUR RUBRIQUE "HUNT FOR THE HANDSOME BOYS"
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